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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/778,371
 Applicant(s) : Sprengard-Eichel, et al.
 Filed : Feb. 7, 2001
 Title : ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH THERMAL-CELL ACTUATOR
 TC/A.U. : 3761
 Examiner : M. Kidwell
 Conf. No. : 6846
 Docket No. : 8369Q
 Customer No. : 27752

- [x] No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
- [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | | (Col. 3) | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA* | RATE | FEE | |
| TOTAL | 15 | MINUS | ** 20 | = | x \$18 = | \$ | |
| INDEP. | 1 | MINUS | *** 3 | = | x \$86 = | \$ | |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | + \$290 = | \$ | |
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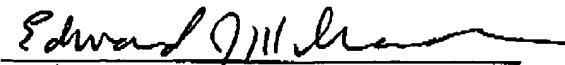
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** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- [] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
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 - [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
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REPLY/AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This reply/amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003. This amendment is being filed under 37 CFR 167 1.116 canceling claims in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.